

**ST. PAUL PARISH**  
*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
February 27, 2022



ASH WEDNESDAY

REMEMBER  
THAT YOU  
ARE DUST



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**❖ Parish Lenten Meeting on the Synod ❖**

In recent months, we have published articles in the parish bulletin concerning the upcoming Synod on Synodality to be held by our Holy Father in Rome in 2023. The Synod, or as it were, listening session held in the presence of the Holy Father, will concern itself with the state of the Church and how we listen to one another in church, the Pope, Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious, and laity both young and old.

As preparation for this meeting, our Holy Father has asked every parish in the world to discuss what they like and what they do not like about the church today. Each parish is asked to send a report to the Diocese who will then collate the findings and send it on to the National Conference of Bishops who will collate the gathered responses of the various dioceses and then forward their report to Rome in preparation for the discussions to be held at the Vatican with the Holy Father.

I think you will agree that this is a most interesting event.

To that end, I am asking each of our parishioners to make this part of their Lenten experience this year. You may do so by offering your input on the Synod survey that has been developed by the Holy See.

*This survey may be accessed on the diocesan website at [www.dioceseofscranton.org/synod-on-synodality](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/synod-on-synodality) or you may call the Synod Phone Line at 570-591-5024. A live operator will assist you with your input.*

Finally, I welcome you to attend a one-hour meeting in the auditorium of Saint Paul School on March 16, 2022 at 4:00 pm where those present may make their feelings known.

***Remember, one of the foundations of the Catholic Faith is a belief that God is alive in each and every person.***

**St. Paul Church**

Corner of Penn Avenue and  
Marion Street, Scranton

**St. Paul Rectory**

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**St. Clare Church**

2235 North Washington Ave.

Adoration and Rosary

Monday ~ Friday

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ~

Rosary at 4:30 p.m.

**Food Pantry**

3:00 p.m. ~ 4:30 p.m.

St. Clare Church Basement

**JOIN US FOR MASS**

Join us on Facebook at St.

Paul's Parish for our

Saturday 4:30 p.m. live-  
streaming of the  
Celebration of Mass.

We encourage you to tune in  
live and pray in solidarity  
with us. St. Paul Church is  
now open for Masses with  
social distancing seating.

**Mass Schedule**

8 am Mass ~ Mon.-Sat.

Vigil Mass ~ Saturday 4:30

(Livestreamed for those who  
cannot attend in person.)

Mass ~ Sun. 8 am or

Sun. 10:30 am

Confessions - Sat.-4:00 pm

**Lenten Schedule**

MON-FRI

8am & 12:10 Daily Mass

**Stations of the Cross**

EACH FRIDAY during Lent

5:30 pm

St. Paul Church

**Sacrament of Baptism**

All first time parents are asked to attend  
a baptismal preparation meeting prior  
to the Baptism.

Please call the parish office to schedule dates.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**

A meeting with the parish priest should precede all  
other wedding plans. Contact the parish  
office at least six months before  
date of the intended marriage.

**Sacrament of Holy Anointing**

All who are seriously sick, hospitalized,  
or having surgery can receive this sacrament.

Please call the parish office  
if you wish to be anointed.

**Sponsor Cards**

Sponsor cards for Baptism or Confirmation will be  
issued to parishioners who attend Mass regularly;  
are Baptized and Confirmed Catholics;  
are married in conformity with the  
laws of the Church.



## ST. PAUL MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, February 26** Vigil: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. † Virginia Frankenfield  
(Craig & Brittany Washo)

**Sunday, February 27** Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish  
† Gene Pidich (Regina & Family)

10:30 a.m. † James Volz (Jimmy & MaryRose Brozzetti)

**Monday, February 28** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Helen McDonough (Judy & Peter McCarthy)

**Tuesday, March 1** Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Frank Rosenella (MaryAnn Answini)

**Wednesday, March 2** Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. † Ann Dougher (Kelly & Casey Kapacs)

12:10 p.m. † John Heelan (Johann Evely)

5:00 p.m. In Honor of: Johnine Cummings  
(Mary Renard)

**Thursday, March 3** Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. † Stephen Arnone Sr. (Family)

12:10 p.m. † Helen McCormak Davey  
& Joseph McCormak (Anne McCormak)

**Friday, March 4** Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. † Anthony "Taps" Cantafio  
(Cousin, Tony Nicosia)

12:10 p.m. † Kathy Nole (Ann Marie & Jim McCrone)

**Saturday, March 5** Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. † David J. Harding  
(Timothy Doherty & Family)

4:30 p.m. † Donald Schoen (Family)

**Sunday, March 6** First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish  
† Frank, Veronica & Lucille Shimkus (Family)

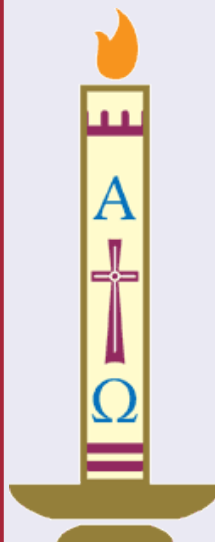
10:30 a.m. † Jerry Maushart (Kathy & Family)

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Audrey Hales**. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace!



## REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR



### St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of:

† **Stephen Simmons**

With Love From:

Henry & Thomas Bartlebaugh

### St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† **Jack Roche**

With Love From:

Family

### St. Paul's Marian Candle

In Loving Memory of:

**Joan Shaffern**

† With Love From:

Shaffern Family

### St. Paul's Wine and Hosts

In Loving Memory of:

**Audrey Hales**

† With Love, From:

Friends at St. Clare Church



**Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday 3/3**  
**U of S Students & Barbara Burkhouse**  
Pantry Hours: Fridays~ 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A SPECIAL  
**THANK YOU**  
FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

We are sincerely grateful to the associates at **McGrail, Merkel and Quinn** accounting firm of Dunmore for their donation of over 50 pounds of soup and a generous gift card to the St. Paul Parish Food Pantry. Their generosity is so very appreciated!

### FIRST TIME PARENTS BAPTISMAL CLASS

All first time parents are asked to request instruction before having your child baptized.

Call 570-961-1549 to register!



### St. Paul Parish

† **First Holy Communion:**

**Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 10am**

† **Confirmation:**

**Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 1 pm**

### MEMORIALIZING A LOVED ONE

You may memorialize a loved one by having the candles lit at St. Paul's Church for the week & noted in our bulletin. Call the rectory for more information.



**February 20th**  
**Offertory: \$4,984—Online: \$2,842.00**



Thank you for  
your Donation

**The Catholic Choral Society**  
of Scranton  
Presents  
**A Lenten Concert**  
Sunday: March 13, 2022 - 3 P.M.  
Snow Date: Sunday, March 20, 2022 - 3 P.M.  
**The Church of the Visitation  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
1090 Carmalt St  
Dickson City, PA 18519  
Music Director - Ann Manganiello  
Accompanist - Kimberly Gnaill  
Free Will Offering  
Masks are required  
pennsylvania  
Lackawanna County

**Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor**

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or you may contact them electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis).

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).

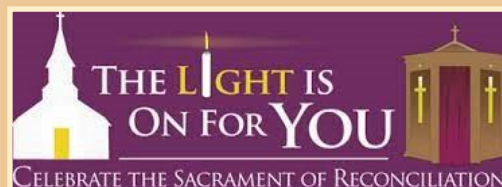


**ADORATION AND ROSARY**

Monday thru Friday 4-5pm at St. Clare Church  
with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.  
The Rosary is recited at 4:30 p.m.

Special intentions for our country and our world  
include:

- † A return to God and the Ten Commandments
- † An end to violence, public, private and in the womb
- † Any other intentions



**All Mondays of Lent March 7th– April 11th 5:30 - 7p.m.**

St. Paul's Church and all the parishes in the Diocese of Scranton will be open for individual confessions. In this season of renewal, Catholics are invited to experience Christ's healing love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation as an important dimension of the Lenten journey. The website, [www.dioceseofscranton.org/light](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/light) has materials to assist you in preparing to make a good confession, prayers you may find helpful, and answers to frequently asked questions. Please make plans to come on a Lenten Monday, and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.



**ST. PAUL'S  
WEEKDAY LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY—FRIDAY**

8:00 a.m. -Daily Mass  
12:10 p.m. -Daily Mass

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Fridays of Lent at 5:30 p.m.  
at St. Paul's Church.

**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS**

If you would like to memorialize flowers for Easter, simply fill out this form, place it in an envelope marked **Easter Flowers**, and return in the collection basket or to the rectory. Flower envelopes can also be found in your monthly envelope packet. Our churches will be decorated for Easter with flowers.

**Requests must be received by March 22nd.**

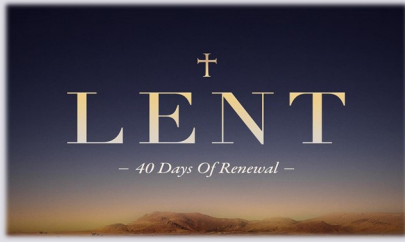
*Suggested Donation: \$20.00*

In Loving Memory/Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated By: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed Donation: \_\_\_\_\_





Lent is a time for sacrifice and for spiritual renewal as we reflect upon our baptism and the call given to each of us to walk as disciples of the Lord. As faithful followers of Jesus, we are traditionally encouraged to honor the sacred season of Lent by embracing the three pillars of Lenten observance:

- \* Almsgiving – generously giving to those in need
- \* Fasting – practicing self-discipline and self-denial
- \* Prayer – reading, hearing and reflecting on the Word of God

Lent is also a penitential season. It is a time to seek forgiveness, to look inward, and to admit our shortcomings and failures. It is a time to regroup and to prepare. How can you spend your time during Lent?

By “giving up” things you hunger after, such as sweets or alcohol; or activities you desire, such as vacations, concerts or movies.

By “doing” things to help others, such as offering an extra donation to the poor or helping those in need by providing food or clothing. By “adding” to our normal routine, such as going to daily Mass, praying the Stations of the Cross and going to confession.



## Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022

The reception of ashes is not mandatory nor required. It is within each individual's own internal disposition and intention to repent and start over.

That is the best fruit of Ash Wednesday and the ashes are an external sign of that internal reality. Individuals may enter into Lent with a repentant heart even if they decide that receiving ashes is not the right thing for them this year.

Because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, parishes should not impose ashes by thumb on the forehead of parishioners. Ashes can be distributed to the faithful with no direct contact.

## DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Any person may take Blessed Ashes to home bound parishioners, using one of the formulas:

“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel” or “Remember you are dust and unto dust you will return.”

You may pick up ashes after Ash Wednesday services. Pre-filled envelopes will be provided.

## Diocese of Scranton 2022 Lent and Easter Guidelines Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

All faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are reminded of Diocesan Statute No. 41,  
which addresses the penitential aspect of Lent:

*“The season of Lent is penitential in nature and during Lent penance should be not only internal and individual, but also external and social (Sacrosanctum Concilium, No. 5, 109).*

*Pastors are obliged to avoid scheduling activities in the parishes which in any way could possibly detract from the external and social penance required by Lent.”*

**Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, marks the beginning of Lent.**

**The following fast and abstinence regulations are observed:**

**-FASTING** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 15, 2022, by all Catholics over 18 years of age to the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal, unless dispensed or excused.

**-ABSTINENCE** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, all of the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.

(NOTE: This year, the Feast of the Annunciation falls on Friday, March 25, 2022. Because it is considered a solemnity by the church, the law of abstinence from meat and meat products does not apply specifically on Friday, March 25, this year (per Canon 1251))



# *"Let us not grow tired of doing good!"*

## 2022 LENTEN MESSAGE BISHOP JOSEPH C. BAMBERA



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In his 2022 Lenten message to the Church, Pope Francis invites us to reflect upon Saint Paul's words in his letter to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (Galatians 6:9-10).

The Holy Father challenges us to reflect upon the urgency of using the time that God has given to us in a productive manner by sowing goodness in our world with a view to a future harvest. And Lent, Pope Francis continues, is the opportune time for us to recollect our thoughts and to move forward with resolve, seeking to fulfill our baptismal promises by making the pattern of Jesus' life our own through our authentic response to his call to discipleship.

Through his invitation to place our trust in the Lord as the surest means of responding to the apostle Paul's appeal, Pope Francis provides us with some practical reminders of how we might achieve this noble end:

*"Let us not grow tired of praying" ... We need to pray because we need God.*

*"Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives or of asking for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance,"* knowing that God never tires of forgiving us.

And *"Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbors,"* the surest means of reflecting the life of Jesus in our own lives.

This year during our Lenten journey, we have all been given a unique opportunity to sow seeds of goodness in our Church to reap a bountiful harvest. The entire People of God, including our own local Church, have been invited to participate in the preparatory phase of the Synod of Bishops that is being convened by Pope Francis in October 2023, entitled a Synod on Synodality.

A "synodal" Church implies a way of being and of working that engages a more grassroots, collaborative effort among the members of the Christian faithful as we all seek to grow in awareness of the presence of God and engage the mission of evangelization. A "synodal" Church takes the time to discern the path forward that the Holy Spirit is calling us to embrace as together we seek to build a Church where all are welcome, valued and sent forth as ambassadors of Christ. A "synodal" Church highlights the fact that each member of the Body of Christ has been entrusted with gifts for the building up of the Church – "good" that we ought never tire of doing on behalf of one another.

I encourage you to participate in the synodal process through listening sessions in your parishes and through online opportunities that have been generously provided to all of you who desire to share your thoughts, your dreams and where you believe the Holy Spirit is calling the Church at this time in its history. The Diocese of Scranton's online survey can be found on the "Synod on Synodality" page on the Diocese of Scranton website at [dioceseofscranton.org](http://dioceseofscranton.org).

As Pope Francis has reminded us, a "synodal Church" is above all a Church that listens: "It is a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn. The lay faithful, the bishops, the pope: all listening to each other, all listening to the Holy Spirit, the "Spirit of truth" (John 14:17), in order to know what He is saying to the Church" and how best to move forward in faith.

Finally, one of the great gifts given to us by the Church to assist in our response to the Lord's invitation to do "good" is found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we have done for many years, all of the parishes of the Diocese of Scranton will participate in The Light Is On For You. Every Monday evening during the Lenten season, beginning on the first Monday of Lent, March 7, and continuing through Monday of the last full week of Lent, April 4, confessions will be heard in every parish from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

My friends, our resolve to deepen our faith and to do good on behalf of our brothers and sisters is needed today more than ever. May we open our hearts to this blessed season of Lent and all of the opportunities that we are given to deepen our trust in the ever-present grace of God, that alone can sustain us in our journey of faith as his disciples.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

*+ Joseph C. Bambera*

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.  
Bishop of Scranton